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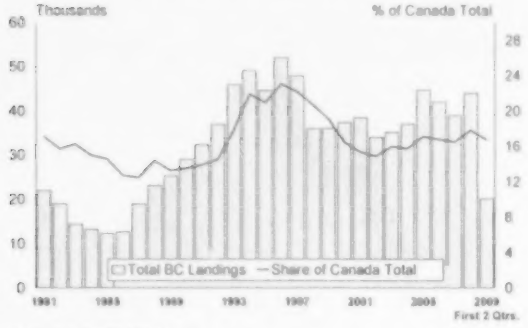
Immigration Highlights ◆ Second Quarter 2009

B.C. immigrant landings in the second quarter of 2009 slipped when compared to the same period last year ...

During the second quarter of 2009, 10,864 immigrants arrived in British Columbia, slipping 6.3% compared with the same period last year. According to Statistics Canada, B.C.'s share of total immigrant landings to Canada also declined. During the second quarter of 2009, 15.6 per cent of all immigrants to Canada landed in B.C., 1.1 percentage points lower than in the same period in 2008.

B.C. Immigration and Share of Canada Total



Source: *Statistics Canada*

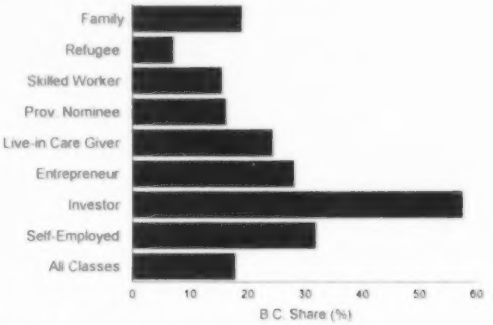
Compared to the second quarter of 2008, the total number of immigrant arrived in Canada edged up (+0.6%). Statistics Canada recorded a total of 69,635 new landed immigrants in Canada during the second quarter of 2009.

British Columbia continued to hold its position as one of the top three immigrant destinations in Canada.

Skilled Worker Class immigrants accounted for the largest share of total landings in the second quarter...

Data from Citizenship and Immigration Canada showed that immigrants categorized in the Skilled Worker Class accounted for the largest share of landings in B.C. during the second quarter of 2009, closely followed by the Family Class. During the second quarter, 3,463 immigrants landed as Skilled Workers in the province. Compared with landings in the second quarter of 2008, the number of immigrants in the Skilled Worker Class was almost 25% lower. B.C. also received fewer Family Class immigrants (-2.1%) compared to last year.

B.C. Share of Immigrants to Canada By Class
2008



Source: *Citizenship and Immigration Canada*

Asian countries remain the leading source of B.C. Landed Immigrants...

The top three source countries for immigrants to B.C. are all in Asia. For two consecutive quarters, China was the top source country of immigrants to British Columbia, representing 22.2 per cent of the B.C. total. Immigrants from India accounted for 13.6 per cent, while the Philippines accounted for 13.2 per cent. Other countries such as the England (6.1%), U.S. (5.7%), and North Korea (4.4%) each contributed a significant number of immigrants to B.C.

Landings from the Philippines continued to be the leading source country for live-in caregivers...

In the second quarter, 86 per cent of immigrants admitted under the Live-in Caregiver Class originated in the Philippines. China contributed the greatest share of both the Investor (73%) and Skilled Worker (15%) classes. For non-economic classes, India contributed the greatest share in the Family Class (27%) in the second quarter of 2009, while Iraq accounted for 36 per cent of the Refugee immigrants.

The Greater Vancouver area continued to be the top intended destination for B.C. Landed Immigrants ...

Approximately 89 per cent of total landed immigrants to B.C. who arrived in the second quarter of 2009 indicated the Vancouver area as their intended destination. Upon their arrival, more than 93 per cent of all landed immigrants from Asia stated the Vancouver region. Relative to Asian immigrants, a higher proportion of immigrants arriving from Australasia, North and Central America and Europe settled outside the Greater Vancouver area.

B.C. Immigration by Area of Last Permanent Residence
April to June, 2009
Total Landings: 10,864 Persons

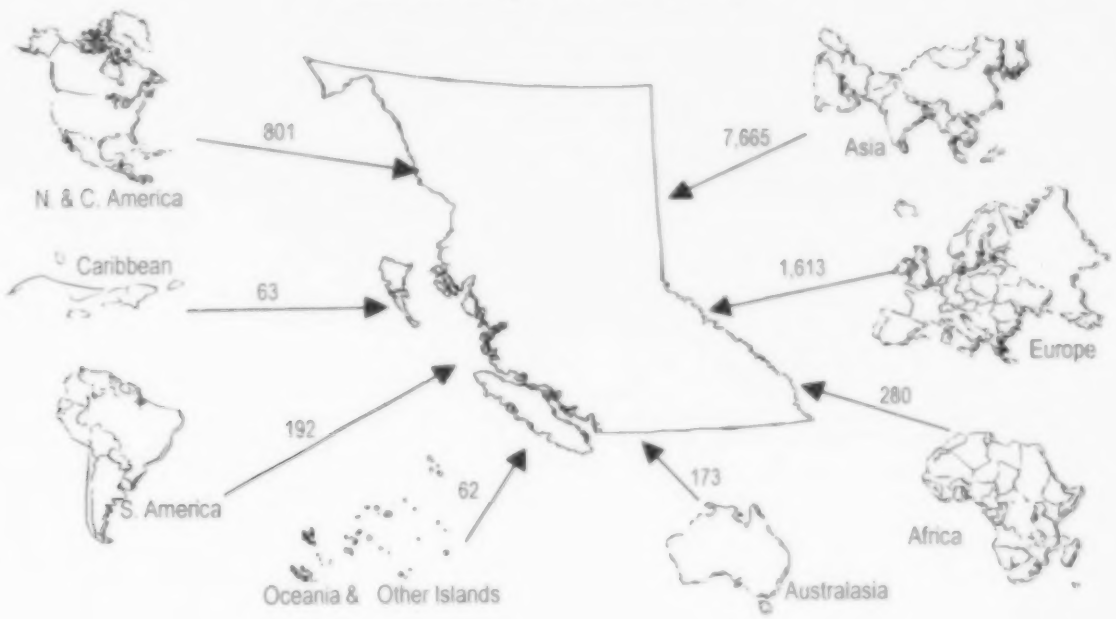


Table 1: Immigrant Landings to B.C. and Canada - April to June, 2009

SOURCE	Vancouver Area	Rest of B.C. *	Total B.C.
Europe	1,211	402	1,613
Africa	229	51	280
Asia	7,161	504	7,665
China-Mainland	2,315	98	2,413
India	1,357	117	1,474
Taiwan	437	20	457
Hong Kong	62	--	65
Australasia	128	45	173
N & C America	600	201	801
U.S.A.	448	173	621
Caribbean	50	13	63
South America	172	20	192
Oceania	55	7	62
Not Stated	11	--	15
All Areas	**9,617**	**1,247**	**10,864**

** "Rest of B.C." also includes immigrants with unknown destination. Many might have been destined for Vancouver Area.*

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Table 2: Immigrant Landings by Class

- British Columbia -

Year / Quarter	Family	Refugee	Economic Classes: Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed	Other Classes	Grand Total
1993	18,459	1,492	10,446	--	192	4,074	6,867	677	3,735	45,942
1994	17,517	1,544	14,149	--	869	4,183	6,291	744	3,819	49,116
1995	15,309	1,875	18,438	--	1,176	3,508	3,037	956	278	44,577
1996	14,285	2,274	24,180	--	1,160	4,236	3,447	1,564	877	52,023
1997	12,918	1,996	24,730	--	874	3,337	2,259	1,250	482	47,846
1998	11,083	2,041	16,998	--	1,275	1,918	1,606	746	306	35,975
1999	10,989	1,896	17,736	11	1,338	1,863	1,520	659	111	36,123
2000	10,975	2,574	18,934	13	1,070	1,775	1,387	632	68	37,428
2001	11,824	2,199	19,769	24	880	1,619	1,696	444	27	38,482
2002	11,405	2,106	15,610	209	504	1,192	1,951	526	554	34,057
2003	11,571	1,827	16,234	441	758	914	1,760	338	1,386	35,229
2004	10,869	2,367	17,093	598	1,083	695	3,221	246	856	37,028
2005	11,723	2,159	21,810	789	1,080	872	5,359	289	689	44,770
2006	13,459	1,891	16,688	1,924	1,528	871	4,407	322	993	42,083
2007	12,613	1,883	14,793	2,522	1,519	585	3,763	213	1,070	38,961
2008	12,422	1,532	16,040	3,629	2,546	476	5,867	161	1,319	43,992
2Q2008	3,214	368	4,606	914	597	144	1,370	10	366	11,589
2Q2009	3,146	440	3,453	973	877	105	1,297	56	507	10,864

- Canada -

Year / Quarter	Family	Refugee	Economic Classes: Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed	Other Classes	Grand Total
1993	112,666	30,622	69,924	--	3,013	16,711	12,625	3,390	7,751	256,702
1994	94,195	20,436	69,906	--	4,980	14,200	10,480	2,745	7,455	224,397
1995	77,387	28,093	81,732	--	5,457	11,429	5,160	2,854	761	212,873
1996	68,359	28,478	97,916	233	4,759	11,911	6,175	4,376	3,866	226,073
1997	59,980	24,308	105,648	47	2,730	10,404	5,595	3,927	3,400	216,039
1998	50,896	22,843	81,267	--	2,868	6,611	4,541	2,625	2,547	174,198
1999	55,276	24,397	92,494	477	3,261	6,154	4,265	2,599	1,031	189,954
2000	60,616	30,092	118,591	1,252	2,782	6,187	4,951	2,527	460	227,458
2001	66,794	27,919	137,234	1,274	2,627	6,087	6,342	2,156	207	250,640
2002	62,290	25,116	122,730	2,127	1,985	4,478	4,636	1,907	3,780	229,049
2003	65,112	25,984	105,224	4,418	3,304	2,978	3,695	1,427	9,206	221,348
2004	62,261	32,687	113,451	6,248	4,292	2,468	6,099	1,190	7,129	235,825
2005	63,361	35,776	130,238	8,047	4,552	2,848	9,611	1,016	6,792	262,241
2006	70,509	32,499	105,945	13,336	6,895	3,098	8,026	952	10,383	251,643
2007	66,235	27,955	97,852	17,094	6,117	2,160	7,445	576	11,320	236,754
2008	65,571	21,860	103,736	22,418	10,511	1,701	10,202	505	10,745	247,249
2Q2008	17,217	5,892	31,225	6,204	2,877	465	2,270	88	3,009	69,247
2Q2009										69,635 *

British Columbia as a Percent of Canada

Year / Quarter	Family	Refugee	Economic Classes: Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed	Other Classes	Grand Total
1993	16.4%	4.9%	14.9%	--	6.4%	24.4%	54.4%	20.0%	48.2%	17.9%
1994	18.6%	7.6%	20.2%	--	17.4%	29.5%	60.0%	27.1%	51.2%	21.9%
1995	19.8%	6.7%	22.6%	--	21.6%	30.7%	58.9%	33.5%	36.5%	20.9%
1996	20.9%	8.0%	24.7%	--	24.4%	35.6%	55.8%	35.7%	22.7%	23.0%
1997	21.5%	8.2%	23.4%	--	32.0%	32.1%	40.4%	31.8%	14.2%	22.1%
1998	21.8%	8.9%	20.9%	--	44.5%	29.0%	35.4%	28.4%	12.0%	20.7%
1999	19.9%	7.8%	19.2%	--	41.0%	30.3%	35.6%	25.4%	10.8%	19.0%
2000	18.1%	8.6%	16.0%	--	38.5%	28.7%	28.0%	25.0%	14.8%	16.5%
2001	17.7%	7.9%	14.4%	1.9%	33.5%	26.6%	26.7%	20.6%	13.0%	15.4%
2002	18.3%	8.4%	12.7%	9.8%	25.4%	26.6%	42.1%	27.6%	14.7%	14.9%
2003	17.8%	7.0%	15.4%	10.0%	22.9%	30.7%	47.6%	23.7%	15.1%	15.9%
2004	17.5%	7.2%	15.1%	9.6%	25.2%	28.2%	52.8%	20.7%	12.0%	15.7%
2005	18.5%	6.0%	16.7%	9.8%	23.7%	30.6%	55.8%	28.4%	10.1%	17.1%
2006	19.1%	5.8%	15.8%	14.4%	22.2%	28.1%	54.9%	33.8%	9.6%	16.7%
2007	19.0%	6.7%	15.1%	14.8%	24.8%	27.1%	50.5%	37.0%	9.5%	16.5%
2008	18.9%	7.0%	15.5%	16.2%	24.2%	28.0%	57.5%	31.9%	12.3%	17.8%
2Q2008	18.7%	6.2%	14.8%	14.7%	20.8%	31.0%	60.4%	11.4%	12.2%	16.7%
2Q2009										15.6%*

Important Note: Due to the changes in the classifications of immigrants, some numbers reported in this release are not compatible with those in previous releases.

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Immigration by Destination by Class - 2008

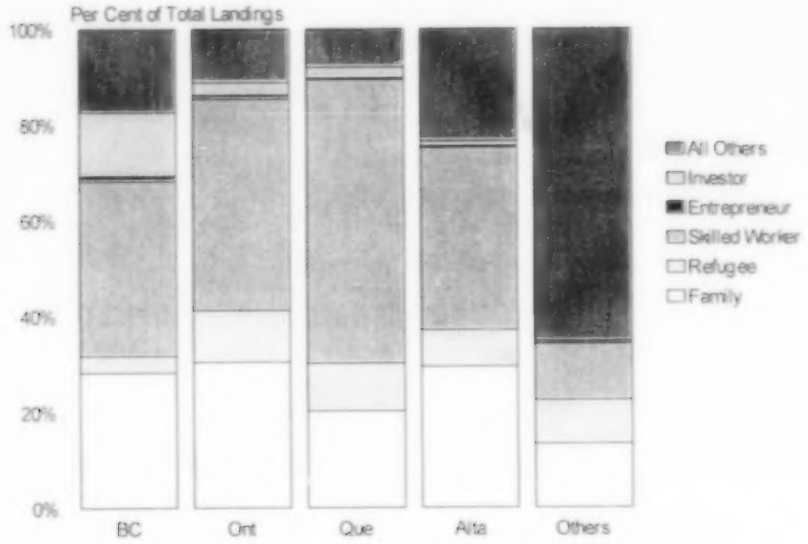

Table 3: Immigrant Landings by Province by Class

Year / Quarter	Family	Refugee	Economic Classes						Other Classes	Grand Total
			Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed		
2008										
NFLD	141	162	187	107	5	--	--	--	25	**627**
P.E.I.	80	46	47	1,258	--	--	--	0	20	**1,454**
N.S.	532	193	885	866	14	21	38	--	98	**2,651**
N.B.	291	165	298	1,035	10	--	11	--	45	**1,856**
Que	9,142	4,522	26,764	67	1,261	160	1,035	77	2,173	**45,201**
Ont	33,801	11,860	49,027	1,100	4,882	947	2,945	217	6,098	**110,877**
Man	1,384	972	603	7,968	92	--	25	--	168	**11,218**
Sask	549	552	502	3,037	93	7	26	--	69	**4,835**
Alta	7,134	1,845	9,221	3,323	1,582	85	254	38	717	**24,199**
B.C.	12,422	1,532	16,040	3,629	2,546	476	5,867	161	1,319	**43,992**
Territories	78	6	85	28	24	--	--	5	11	**237**
Not Stated	17	5	77	--	--	--	--	--	--	**102**
Canada	**65,571**	**21,860**	**103,736**	**22,418**	**10,511**	**1,701**	**10,202**	**505**	**10,745**	**247,249**
2009 Second Quarter										
B.C.	3,146	440	3,463	973	877	105	1,297	56	507	**10,864**

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2009 Second Quarter

NFLD	149
P.E.I.	668
N.S.	610
N.B.	597
Que	12,974
Ont	30,109
Man	4,441
Sask	2,159
Alta	6,925
B.C.	10,923
Territories	80
Canada	**69,635**

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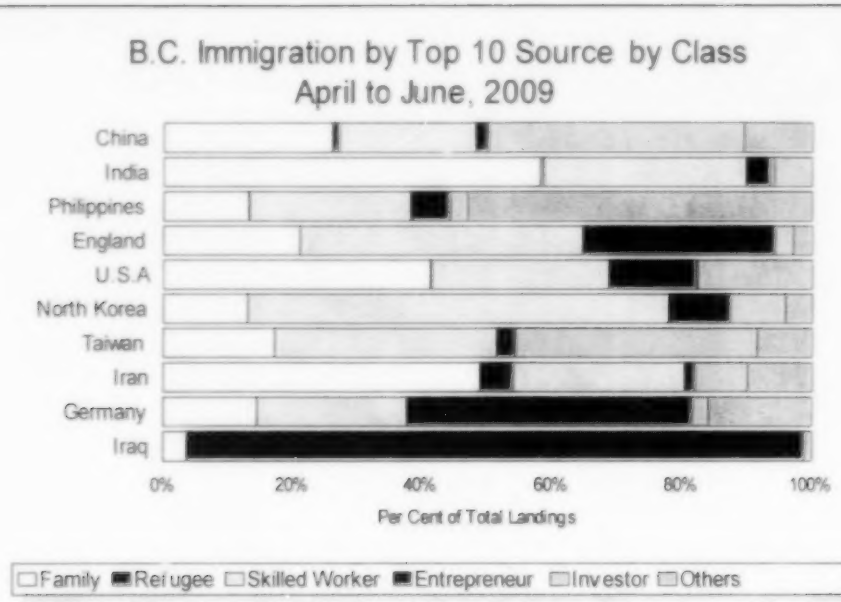

Table 4: B.C. Immigrant Landings by Source By Class, April - June, 2009

			Economic Classes							
	Family	Refugee	Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed	Other Classes	Grand Total
World Area										
Europe	343	32	698	405	9	5	26	23	72	**1,613**
Africa	55	74	89	38	--	--	--	--	21	**280**
Asia	2,272	303	2,226	389	847	97	1,267	28	236	**7,665**
Australasia	53	--	82	25	--	--	--	--	12	**173**
N&C America	314	10	235	88	--	--	--	5	142	**801**
Caribbean	36	--	21	--	--	--	--	--	5	**83**
S. America	37	12	89	26	12	--	--	--	14	**192**
Oceania & Isl.	28	9	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	**62**
Stateless	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	**15**
Top 20 Source Countries										
China	630	23	509	133	19	45	953	7	94	**2,413**
India	856	7	461	53	53	8	9	5	22	**1,474**
Philippines	188	--	358	86	753	--	38	--	9	**1,434**
England	139	--	290	196	--	--	19	--	16	**664**
U.S.A	257	--	168	84	--	--	--	5	102	**621**
North Korea	62	--	309	45	--	--	40	--	18	**476**
Taiwan	78	--	157	13	--	13	170	14	8	**457**
Iran	157	16	85	5	--	21	26	--	9	**321**
Germany	28	--	45	85	--	--	5	17	10	**194**
Iraq	6	157	-	--	--	--	--	--	--	**165**
Russia	36	--	112	--	--	--	--	--	--	**160**
Japan	56	--	34	24	--	--	--	--	11	**132**
Mexico	35	--	39	--	--	--	--	--	26	**107**
Australia	26	--	50	15	--	--	--	--	8	**100**
Vietnam	74	--	9	--	--	--	--	--	6	**97**
Brazil	18	--	45	8	--	--	--	--	--	**78**
South Africa	17	--	26	27	--	--	--	--	--	**73**
France	10	--	41	20	--	--	--	--	--	**72**
United Arab Emirates	--	--	52	--	--	5	7	--	--	**72**
New Zealand	27	--	32	10	--	--	--	--	--	**72**
Other	444	230	641	158	30	5	22	--	150	**1,682**
Total	**3,146**	**440**	**3,463**	**973**	**877**	**105**	**1,297**	**56**	**507**	**10,864**

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